

Application No. 09/965,825
Reply to Office Action dated June 16, 2004 ;
Advisory Action dated October 19, 2004 and
Second Advisory Action dated December 1, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 32, 46-51 and 53-60 are active in this application. Support for the amendments defining the structure of the poxB gene is found in the specification, for example, page 23, line 23 and page 26, line 7-15. Support the stringent hybridization conditions is found in Claims 8 and 15 and the specification as amended herein. No new matter is added.

As amended herein, the poxB gene is deleted in Claim 32 and the one or more genes in Claim 51 are overexpressed using a strong promoter. In addition, Claims 56 and 59 include the washing conditions defining the stringent hybridization conditions at 68°C. These amendments address the issues raised in the Advisory Action of October 19, 2004 and the Advisory Action of December 1, 2004.

The issues raised in the Office Action of June 16, 2004 are also addressed by the amendments. Remarks addressing each of the issues in the Office Action were previously made of record and are incorporated herein.

In view of the above, Applicants request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and objections and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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